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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 17,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHERE WE ARE NOW ON THE REACTOR
DEALS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT?

A. ON THAT, LET ME JUST MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT HERE TO SAY
THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR
AN AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT ON THE BASIS OF THE SAFEGUARDS WE
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HAVE PROPOSED; AND WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO PROCEED TOWARDS
AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. AND WE'RE PREPARED TO DO THIS IN
TANDEM OR SEPARATELY.

Q. DOES THE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ALSO HAVE SAFEGUARDS?

A. YES. THEY --

Q. YOU DIDN'T REPEAT THAT.

A. YES, IT DOES. I MEAN, WELL, IT'S BEEN REPEATED MANY TIMES BEFORE IN PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS: IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THAT WE SUBMITTED TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS, THERE WERE SAFEGUARD PROPOSALS IN EACH AGREEMENT.

Q. I DON'T REMEMBER. ARE THEY THE SAME SAFEGUARDS?

A. YES.

Q. I'M SORRY. ARE THEY IDENTICAL SAFEGUARDS. I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM.

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THEY ARE. I THINK THAT ON THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS IF YOU GO BACK TO DISCUSS THE NATURE OF THE SAFEGUARDS, THE STRINGENCY OF THE SAFEGUARDS, YOU GO BACK TO WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID IN HIS UNGA SPEECH -- WHERE HE SAID THAT WE'RE DETERMINED TO ERECT A SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS SO THAT NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES CANNOT BE DIVERTED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I MEAN THAT IS THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SAFEGUARDS.

Q. WOULD THE SAFEGUARDS APPLY TO EXISTING ISRAELI REACTORS?

A. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT MAY BE GOING ON.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON SAFEGUARDS -- WHICH IS THAT THESE SAFEGUARDS SHOULD APPLY TO ALL REACTORS WITHIN A COUNTRY, WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY ARE THE AMERICAN ONES THAT ARE DUE OR THOSE EXISTING PRIOR TO IT?

A. HERE AGAIN I WANT TO STICK WITH WHAT I JUST GAVE YOU ON THE FACT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE EITHER IN TANDEM OR SEPARATELY WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON THE BASIS OF THE SAFEGUARDS WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THEM.

Q. DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU WOULD THEN REJECT THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL?

A. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS HERE AGAIN THAT WE MAY HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH EITHER OF THE TWO

GOVERNMENTS.

Q. WHAT ABOUT PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT ALLON HAS ALLEGEDLY TOLD KISSINGER THAT ISRAEL IS NOT INTERESTED?

A. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY OF THE EXCHANGES THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND ANY OF THE PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE.

Q. HAS THE AMERICAN OFFER TO ISRAEL BEEN ACCEPTED?

A. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING IT. THE OFFER IS THERE. AND, AS I SAID BEFORE, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

Q. CAN I RETURN TO THE REACTOR THING FOR JUST A MOMENT? WHAT IS THIS DEPARTMENT'S IMPRESSION OF THE OTHER PARTIES IN THE ARRANGEMENT? ARE THEY PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH THAT?

A. ON THIS, I DON'T WISH TO DISCUSS WHAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED MAY BE, HERE. I'M JUST GIVING YOU WHAT OUR ATTITUDE IS -- WHICH I HAVE STATED -- THAT WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD.

Q. IS ISRAEL DECLINES THE AMERICAN OFFER WOULD YOU STILL GO AHEAD WITH THE EGYPTIAN DEAL?

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A. WELL, LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, AS I SAID EARLIER -- THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE, CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, AND WITH ISRAEL -- EITHER IN TANDEM OR SEPARATELY.

Q. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE SAFEGUARDS, THEN, NEEDN'T NECESSARILY BE IDENTICAL? THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO FUTURE NEGOTIATION?

A. WELL, WE ARE PREPARED -- NO -- I AM NOT SAYING THAT.

Q. WELL, I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO HYPOTHETICALS -- BUT EGYPT CAN ACCEPT OUR TERMS. ISRAEL CAN ASK FOR ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

COULD THE NET RESULT BE A DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENT WITH ISRAEL THAN YOU HAVE WITH EGYPT?

A. I WOULD VERY MUCH DOUBT IT, WITH REGARD TO SAFEGUARDS, BECAUSE I HAVE OUTLINED THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE SAFEGUARDS THAT WE WOULD REQUIRE.

AND WE HAVE PRESENTED THESE SAFEGUARDS TO BOTH PARTIES,
QUITE SOME MONTHS AGO.

Q. HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COM-
MISSION, OR WHOEVER IS INVOLVED WITH THIS, CONSULTED WITH
THE CONGRESS, PRIOR TO THE STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE TODAY,
THAT YOU'RE READY TO GO AHEAD TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY?

A. I DO NOT KNOW, BUT I'LL CHECK IT.

Q. COULD WE JUST FINISH UP ON THIS REACTOR THING?

DOES YOUR STATEMENT MEAN THAT YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO
AHEAD WITH ONE COUNTRY, WITHOUT THE OTHER? IN OTHER WORDS,
WHETHER YOU NEGOTIATE THEM SEPARATELY OR NOT, WOULD YOU BE
PREPARED TO SELL EGYPT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FUEL AND THE
REACTOR -- IF ISRAEL DECIDED NOT TO GO AHEAD?

A. WELL I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE ASSUMPTION IN THE LAST
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CLAUSE YOU MENTIONED.

ALL I AM SAYING IS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH
BOTH, TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DO
THIS EITHER IN TANDEM, OR SEPARATELY.

Q. YES, BUT WHAT MY QUESTION IS -- IT'S NOT WITH PROCEDURE,
BUT RATHER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEAL: IS THERE A LINK
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS
CONCERNED? CAN IT BE WITH ONE COUNTRY? OR MUST IT
EVENTUALLY BE WITH BOTH?

A. NO, THERE IS NOT A LINK -- BY WHAT I HAVE SAID -- THAT
WE ARE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD SEPARATELY.

Q. WITH ONE, WITHOUT THE OTHER, THEN?

A. I HAVE SAID THAT EARLIER, YES.

Q. WELL LET ME ASK THIS, AND MAY BE THIS WILL BE THE LAST
THING I'LL BOTHER YOU WITH ON THIS: WERE WE ALWAYS SO
PREPARED? OR DOES THIS REPRESENT A CHANGE? DID THEY
ALWAYS EXIST? WAS THERE ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY -- WHEN
THE INITIAL OFFER WAS MADE, WAS THERE ALWAYS THE POSSI-
BILITY THAT WE WOULD GO AHEAD WITH ONE AND NOT THE OTHER?
OR IS THIS A DEVELOPMENT?

A. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHETHER THIS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT OR
NOT. MY GUESS IS THAT IT DIDN'T HAVE TO IN THE BEGINNING,
BE ABSOLUTELY IN TANDEM -- BUT I THINK THE ASSUMPTION HAS
ALWAYS BEEN, ALL ALONG, THAT THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE TWO

AGREEMENTS THAT WILL BE NEGOTIATED OUT.

Q. I GUESS THE WORD I WAS LOOKING FOR IS "CONDITIONS."

WAS ONE OFFER CONDITIONED ON THE OTHER IN THE PAST?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO.

Q. HAS ISRAEL LODGED ANY COMPLAINT WITH THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE SYRIAN CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS?

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A. NO, THEY HAVE NOT.

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES AWARE OF ANY SYRIAN CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS ON THE TICKERS THIS MORNING ABOUT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON THAT, BUT I -- AS I HAVE DONE IN THE PAST -- I REMIND YOU OF THE U.N. MECHANISM THAT IS SET UP TO TAKE CARE OF CHARGES OF VIOLATION.

Q. HASN'T THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKEN, AS PART OF THE MAY DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, TO CARRY ON ITS OWN OBSERVATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE?

A. YES, AND IF I HAVE ANYTHING ON THE PARTICULAR ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE MADE -- I CHECKED BEFORE I CAME DOWN AND WE HAVE NOTHING ON IT -- BUT I AM DOING SOME MORE CHECKING ON THIS, AND IF THEY HAVE, I WILL POST IT.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY INTEREST OR CONCERN IN THE REPORT FROM THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT THAT THE AMERICAN MISSILES, IN THE HANDS OF THE IRANIAN ARMED FORCES, WERE USED TO SHOOT DOWN IRAQI PLANES?

A. I HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS ALSO.

WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT ANY PLANES HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN. BUT ON THE QUESTION OF HAWK MISSILES THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN TELL YOU, IS THAT THERE ARE NO HAWK MISSILES IN THE HANDS OF THE IRANIAN MILITARY, BECAUSE THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN TRANSIT AND HAVE NOT ARRIVED YET. SO I DON'T SEE HOW ANY HAWK MISSILES COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR STORY THAT WAS IN THE PRESS THIS MORNING.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY YOU HAVE NOTHING ON THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS -- DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION, OR SIMPLY THAT THE REPORTS ARE NOT IN YET?

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A. THE LATTER.

Q. AND DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHETHER ISRAEL HAS COMPLAINED TO THE UNITED NATIONS MECHANISM ON IT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. AND YOUR OTHER RESPONSE -- ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE WILL BE AN INVESTIGATION -- AN INDEPENDENT U.S. INVESTIGATION BASED ON THE ALLEGATIONS? CAN YOU AMPLIFY THAT?

A. NO, IF WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE REPORTS, I WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE.

Q. I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MAY AGREEMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.

A. THERE IS AIR SURVEILLANCE, AS YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD BEFORE. AND IF I HAVE ANYTHING OUT OF THAT, I WILL LET YOU KNOW.

Q. OH, YOU DON'T NEED AN ALLEGATION TO CONTINUE AIR SURVEILLANCE?

A. NOT NECESSARILY, NO.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER, THERE, ON THE IRANIAN-IRAQI REPORT?

A. NO, I DON'T.

Q. YOU SAY THE HAWK MISSILES ARE "IN TRANSIT" TO IRAN AND HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET?

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER KINDS OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES THAT --

A. I DO NOT KNOW. NO.

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Q. CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THE MEETING BETWEEN MR. SISCO, THIS MORNING, AND THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR? WAS THE EGYPTIAN REPLY HANDED TO MR. SISCO?

A. I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON IT, I HAVE NO READOUT ON

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